



## Minutes of Technical Working Group (TWiG) Shelter Sector Grand Bahama (SSGB)

<b>Date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> of November 2019
<b>Venue</b>	NEMA
<b>Time</b>	15h – 16h15
<b>Present</b>	Engineers without Border (EwB), Grand Bahama Port Authority (GBPA), International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC), St Bernard Project (SBP) and CRS/Caritas
<b>Chair</b>	Sytske Claassen – Shelter Sector Hub- Coordinator Support : Thuong (Shelter Cluster information manager)
<b>Next meeting</b>	Wednesday 20191204; 15h venue NEMA - TBC

### Items shared with these minutes

- Annex 1: Agenda of the meeting;
- Annex 2: Level of damage and repairs scope – 3W / spreadsheet and definition <https://bit.ly/373bKcO>

Actions	Responsible	timeline	Update
Point 1: Agenda and attendance sheet		Done	
Point 2: Terms of Reference		Done	To be circulated on the next GBSS meeting
Point 3: Definitions of level of damage defined agreed upon – 3W Indicators		Update according to PW	Minor adjustments made, 1 pager of GBPA re-shared, updates of PW to be expected
Point 4: Temporary rental solutions		To be discussed during next TWiG	Ongoing discussion
Point 5: Review of action points of last TWiG		Discussed during this TWiG	See the table below

### 0. General observations

No specific observations noted, no presence of PW

### 1. Partners have the floor

IFRC: presented a methodology on minor repairs and selection criteria.

EwB: provided insights together with the PA on supply chain and level of damages

#### Evaluating supply chain

Question raised on how long building materials will take to resupply in the event of all the partners starting repair activities, even if they are currently available.

EWB: Marsh harbor took about 4 weeks to resupply back in October, so it shouldn't take so long.



**ACTION** - SBP: Different competency levels of rebuilding of NGOs on the ground, how do we communicate this out to all NGOs. Suggestion from GBPA: NGOs can send out quotes of delivery for dates in the future for all of the materials that they can foresee, this would allow suppliers to forecast. If they can forecast month after month, this can help. There are no vendors outside of Freeport, the materials will need to be transported by truck out. This extra cost may be included with the supplier.

Some NGOs have had donations meaning they might not need a full stock of supply.

**ACTION** - We need to send out a message to NGOs that people should try to incentivize the local economy by using the local market rather than taking foreign donations or importing directly from USA.

### Training needs:

We should think about whether we can train further labour for building (plumbers, electricians, carpenters, builders, roofers, etc.). Is this realistic?

EWB: the construction industry has not been active since the hurricane so there should be capacity.

Is it worth approaching technical schools in Grand Bahama?

### Defining small repairs

Should we set priorities in terms of what we priorities in terms of activities for each packages, and whether the packages should be the same for the East and West. Government says they will finalize their packages over Christmas.

### Damage Definitions

Discussion about levels of damage and occupancy/health and safety discussions. NGOs should do their own in-depth assessments of the houses that need repairing because the assessments from GBPA and Public Works are both rapid assessments and will not inform in detail what exact repair needs to be done on the house.

We will ask Mr Bain to explain the definitions used in the Public Works assessments.

### Best Practices (build back better)

We need to discuss what type of material we can use in buildings to avoid future issues (for instance there are materials we can use inside the building to avoid mold), we should look beyond the building code. We should put recommendations of what full rebuilds look like.

## 2. Updates of action points TWiG

Nr	Deadline & Responsibility	Action point	Description
1	20191204 – Public Works/GBSS	<b>3W indicators definitions - Public Works update</b>	3Ws definition to be finalized before the next TWiG, especially regarding habitable/ inhabitable/destroyed explanations
2	20191204 - EwB	<b>Update on Contractors on Friday this week by EwB and PA</b>	We need to have a look at capacity of contractors and their relationship with suppliers
3	20191204 –PA	<b>List of certified contractors, delivery of material not foreseen an issue (10 days in all GB)</b>	<i>List of certified contractors on the website needs to be verified by PA</i>
4	ASAP - EwB	<b>Estimation of to be prepared of a costing of full roof replacement in relation to destroyed %.</b>	<i>No update</i>
5	ASAP - GBSS	<b>Identification of training needs based on capacity gaps</b>	<i>No update</i> Training needs to be identified/capacity building needs beyond mold remediation this could include BBB/lessons learned -IFRC is preparing a training on small repairs for unskilled labor
6	ASAP - EwB	<b>lessons learned of impact of storm Dorian -based on the building code</b>	<i>No update</i>
7	ASAP - GBSS	<b>Verification of IFRC low cost housing solution</b>	GBSS could follow up on how to review this technically



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8	20191202 – GBSS + all TWiG members	Matrix of tips BBB	Tips for the 3 classifications of different level of damages – soft and hard components
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### 3. Topics to be addressed based during upcoming TWiG:

1. Agenda
2. Feedback on action points
3. Workshop by Xavier GBSS Coordinator: vision of the TWG – targeting and a framework on what to achieve –
4. Update on temporary housing during repairs – Airbnb/other possible solutions – rental support IFRC
5. Feedback on low cost housing solution by GBSS
6. Update on insurance landscape in GB – this should not be an exclusion criteria

Parked for a later separate discussion : Permitting expectations: Legal non-conformance: if a house predates the building code, what should we do about it? We should strip it and rebuild in alignment with the building code. This includes and requires training of local contractors and architects

### 4. AOB